Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for retrieving information in a private database, the method comprising:

      at an e-mail server,

          receiving, via <u>an</u> e-mail, a request from a wireless communication device to retrieve the information in the private database;

          upon receiving the request, comparing an e-mail address identified with the wireless communication device against a list of e-mail addresses residing at the e-mail server, and if the identified e-mail address is on the list, then authorizing retrieval from the private database;

          sending a query to retrieve the information;

          receiving a response to the query, wherein the response includes the information, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance;

          sending the information to the wireless communication device; and

          if the identified e-mail address is not on the list, then denying the request to retrieve the information in the private database.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the request includes receiving [[an]] <u>the</u> e-mail from the wireless communication device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving the e-mail from the wireless communication device includes receiving the e-mail from one of a wireless telephone, a wireless pager and a wireless personal digital assistant.

4-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein sending the query includes identifying text in the e-mail.

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9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a word associated with the information.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein identifying the word in the e-mail includes identifying an acronym associated with the information.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a phrase associated with the information.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a number associated with the information.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a letter and a number associated with the information.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the response includes receiving the information.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein sending the information to the wireless communication device includes sending an outbound e-mail to the wireless communication device.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
    at the e-mail server,
        receiving a second request from the wireless communication device, wherein the second request is for retrieving additional information;
        sending a second query, wherein the second query is for retrieving the additional information;
        receiving a response to the second query, wherein the response to the second query includes the additional information; and

sending the additional information to the wireless communication device.

17. (Currently Amended)   An apparatus for retrieving information in a private database, the apparatus comprising:

an e-mail server ~~for~~ accessing the private database, wherein the e-mail server is configured for communication with a wireless communication device via e-mail and includes:

an identification module ~~for~~ identifying an e-mail address of the wireless communication device; and

an authorization module ~~for~~ authorizing the e-mail server to retrieve the information from the private database and forward the information to the wireless communication device, wherein the authorization module is operative to compare the e-mail address identified with the wireless communication device against a list of e-mail addresses residing at the e-mail server, and if the identified e-mail address is on the list, then authorizing retrieval from the private database, and if the identified e-mail address is not on the list, then denying the request to retrieve the information in the private database, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the e-mail server comprises a portion of an Intranet.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the e-mail server comprises a portion of an Extranet.

20. (Previously Presented)   A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to:

identify an e-mail address of a wireless communication device; and

authorize via e-mail, an e-mail server to retrieve information in a private database and forward the information to the wireless communication device, wherein the processor, in authorizing an e-mail server to retrieve information in the private database is operative to compare the e-mail address identified with the wireless communication device against a list of e-mail addresses residing at the e-mail server, and if the identified e-mail address is on the list,

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then authorizing retrieval from the private database, and if the identified e-mail address is not on the list, then denying the request to access the information in the private database, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance.